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836-800 William St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1850-1880's

As originally built, all of the houses but one lining this side of the 800 block of William St. were three story in height with gable roofs, and all but 828 William St. are two bays wide. The exception is 806 William St. which is a two story plus attic brick house. The houses were built for a middle class market--men who had prospered in the local shipbuilding and glass-making trades and could afford a larger and more comfortable house than the two story plus attic type built for their working class neighbors. Many of the houses retain their original appearance but 828, 818, and 800 William St. now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices, added after the Civil War. 804 William St. is one of only two bow-fronted, Classical-Revival influenced brick and brownstone houses in the Federal Hill area, and seems to have replaced an earlier structure on the site. At 820 William St., at the south-west corner of William and Churchill Streets, is the currently vacant, Classical-Revival style church building of the South Baltimore Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church, built by church members in the early 1850's. The building is three stories in height with a high gable roof that runs parallel to Churchill St., the pedimented gable end fronting on William St. The facade is divided into three bays by two-story high brick piers that run from the high "rusticated" basement to the severe Classical pediment.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

812-814 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of three story brick houses with gable roofs was built contemporaneously with the adjoining pair of houses at 816-818 William St. in the early 1850's. The houses have centrally located, adjoining two story high, 2 bay deep rear additions, abutting a 3 story, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension.

The houses are a full three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots about 81' deep. They are constructed in running bond. A simple, two-tiered brick cornice runs continuously across the facade. The low-pitched gable roof has a double, hooded rectangular chimney along both the north and south end walls of the front and rear gables. Each house also has a rear end chimney, located along the north wall of the kitchen addition.

The first and second floor window openings have splayed brick lintels and wood sills, as at 816-818 William St. The third floor window openings have flat wood lintels and sills. The first floor window opening of 812 William St. is filled with new, double hung 9/9 sash; the second and third floor windows have new 6/6 sash. The first floor window opening of 814 William St. is filled with a late 1/1 sash; the second and third floor windows have new 6/6 sash.. 814 William St. still retains its original doorway treatment--a modern six panel door is surmounted by a single light transom beneath a splayed brick lintel. 812 William St., however, has a recent, more elaborate door treatment. Fluted pilasters frame the entrance and support a deep, plain cornice. The modern six panel door set within this entryway is surmounted by a single light transom fitted with a piece of new stained glass. The houses sit on high basements, the entrance of 812 William St. being reached by a flight of four marble steps and the entrance of 814 William St. being reached by a flight of four brick steps. 814 William St. has a rectangular basement opening with 4/4 lights and a splayed brick lintel located to the left of the steps.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-51

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis H. Smith

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 836 William St. and under 816-818 William St.

This pair of houses, like its neighbors, 816-818 William St., was built by Francis H. Smith, a local brickmaker.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ruxton Maryland 21204

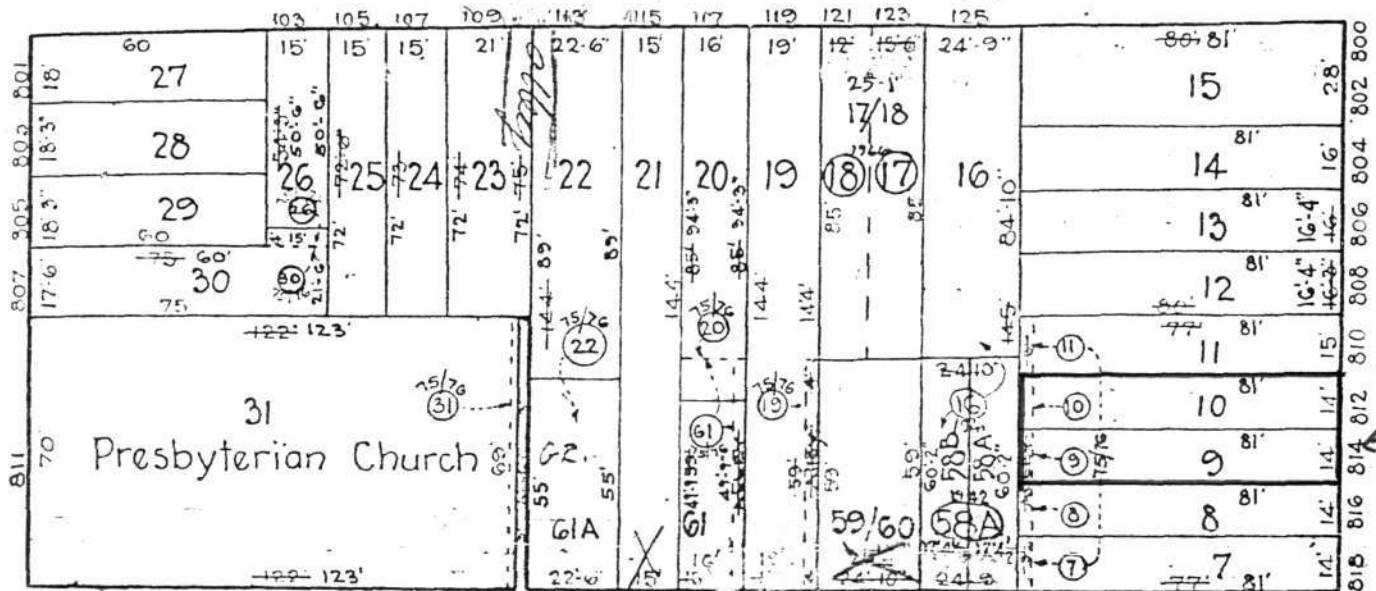
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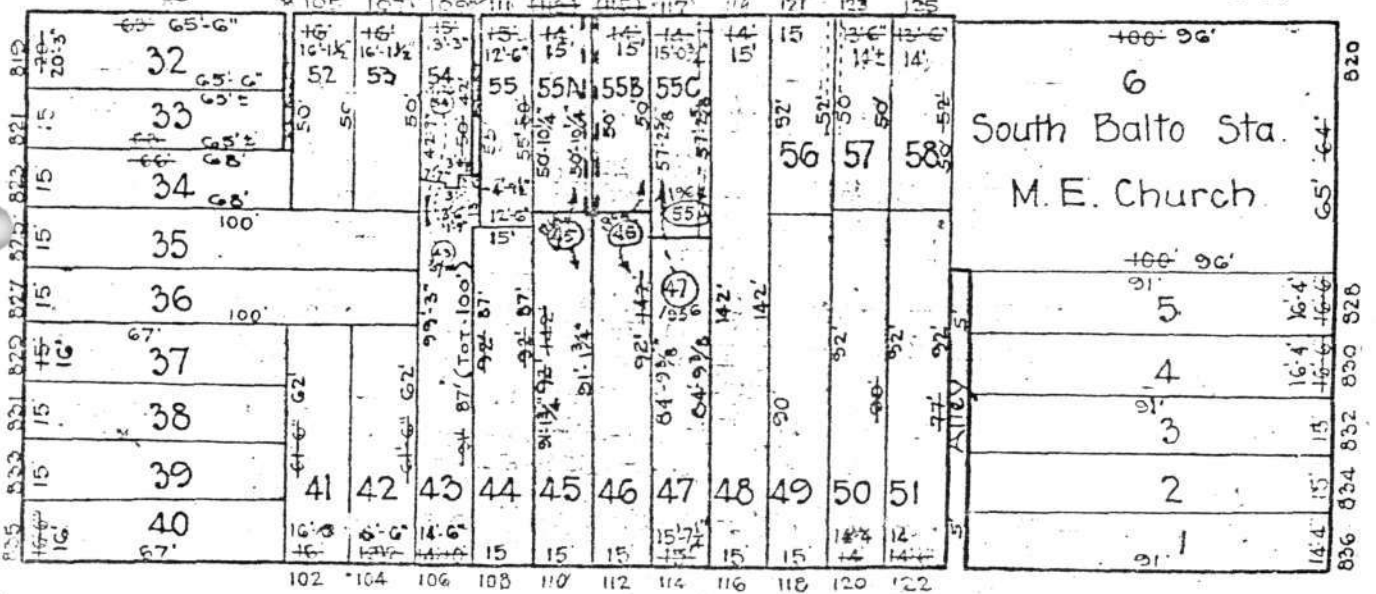
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812-814 William St.

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East elevation